COLUMBIA, MO

January 13, 2005 Time: 7:00 – 8:45 AM

Place: Holiday Inn Select Expo Center

2200 I-70 Drive S.W.

Event: 12th Annual Columbia Values

Diversity Celebration

This year's program, entitled, "The Promised Land...Harmony in Diversity," is an original creation of Mark and Shawna Kelty using information gathered by local teens participating in the InterACT Teen-to-Teen Theatre and Parks and Recreation CARE programs. This theatrical program weaves excerpts from interviews with local citizens about their own personal journeys to America and their hopes and dreams for a better life highlighted and contrasted with the experience of historical figures from our country's past. Dr. King's perspective on the African-American experience will provide the common thread that weaves through this program celebrating our national tapestry. Rather than being a "melting pot," the program will expand your appreciation for the unique harmonies that we have created from our rich diversity. Local artists will perform dance, music and drama in a program that will fill you with a renewed spirit of the strength we all draw from our diversity. Cost of admission is \$12/adult, \$10/child. Scholarships are available upon request. Program and registration information is available at our Web page: www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: GoDiversityCelebration). Early registration is recommended as the celebration usually sells out by mid-December. Contact: Phil Steinhaus, Manager, Office of Community Services, at 573/874-7488, or OCS@GoColumbiaMo.com.

January 17, 2005 Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Douglass High School 300 N. Providence to St. Paul AME Church

501 Park

Event: Candlelight March

March from Frederick Douglass High School to St. Paul AME Church – bring a candle. Program begins at 7:00 PM. Special guest: TBA. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Association of Columbia, MO. **Contact:** Bill Thompson at 573/874-6379.

February 2, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Jesse Auditorium in Jesse Hall University of Missouri-Columbia

Event: Black Protest Reborn

Special guest: Dick Gregory. Admission is free. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia, Black History Month Committee. **Contact:** MU Black Studies Program at 573/882-6229.

February 9, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, 813 Virginia Ave.

Event: Black Protest: Is it Dead or Alive?

Special guest: Distinguished Professor Dr. Robert Williams, author/creator of the term Ebonics. Admission is free. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia, Black History Month Committee. **Contact**: MU Black Studies Program at 573-882-6229.

February 15, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, 813 Virginia Ave.

Event: Oratorical Contest

Local Columbia public school students and University of Missouri-Columbia students will participate. Admission is free. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia. Black History Month Committee.

Contact: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center at 573/882-2664.

February 16, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Mark Twain Ballroom

Memorial Union

Event: Dinner & Movie: Love Jones

Admission is free. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia, MSA/GPC's Black Programming

Committee. Contact: MSA/GPC's Black Programming Committee at 573/882-3780.

February 24, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, 813 Virginia Ave.

Event: GOBCC Knowledge Bowl

Admission is free. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia, Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center.

Contact: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center at 573/882-2664.

February 25, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, 813 Virginia Ave.

Event: Mid Missouri Poetry Festival

Special guest: Dr. Zu Bolton. Admission is free. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia, Black History

Committee. Contact: Black Studies Program at 573/882-6229.

February 27, 2005 Time: 3:00 PM

Place: St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 204 E. Ash St.

Event: Gospel Explosion and Soul Food Dinner

Admission is free. Sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and MU Gaines/Oldham Black Culture

Center. Contact: Bill Thompson at 573/874-6379.

March 8, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Jesse Auditorium in Jesse Hall **University of Missouri-Columbia**

Event: My Soul Is a Witness Play

Special quests: John Adam's Jena Company. Admission cost: TBA. Sponsored by University of Missouri-Columbia, Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center and MSA/GPC's Black Programming Committee. Contact:

Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center at 573/882-2664.